

zone, said hydrogenation zone comprising a line for introducing the light cut and an outlet line for the dedienized light cut.

16. An apparatus according to claim 10, also comprising a zone (15) for hydrotreating the heavy fraction, provided with a line (4) for introducing the heavy cut from the column, an outlet line (16) for the hydrotreated cut and a line (17) supplying hydrogen to the feed or to the zone, said zone being followed by a stripping column (18) provided with a line for introducing the hydrotreated cut, an H<sub>2</sub>S outlet line (19) and an outlet line (20) for the hydrotreated cut.

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17. An apparatus according to claim 11, also comprising a zone (15) for hydrotreating the heavy fraction, provided with a line (4) for introducing the heavy cut from the column, an outlet line (16) for the hydrotreated cut and a line (17) supplying hydrogen to the feed or to the zone, said zone being followed by a stripping column (18) provided with a line for introducing the hydrotreated cut, an H<sub>2</sub>S outlet line (19) and an outlet line (20) for the hydrotreated cut.--

#### REMARKS

The purpose of this Preliminary Amendment is to bring forward the amendments to the specification in the parent application and to also amend the specification so as to focus on the elected apparatus invention.

It is also to be noted that the claims are amended so as to avoid multiply dependent claims, and to add claims which provide the positive inclusion of the alternatives set forth in claim 10.

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